

EXCLUSIVE COLONY STIRRED BY FIRES

Series of Mysterious Blazes at Fairfield, Conn., Baffle State Detectives.

THREATEN FINE HOUSE

Estate of Miss Annie Burr Jennings Special Object of Attack.

MOTIVE IS NOT KNOWN

Watch Set for Automobile Parties on Boston Post Road Yields No Results.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. BRIDGEPORT, May 1.—The inability of State detectives to discover the origin of a series of fires that have occurred in the exclusive Fairfield colony during the last two months has alarmed the residents of the colony. That the fires may have been of incendiary origin is hinted at by the Fairfield Fire Department, which called upon the State authorities to investigate, but nothing has been found thus far to bear out the supposition.

Two of the fires occurred on the estate of Miss Annie Burr Jennings, daughter of the late Oliver Burr Jennings, who was one of the original directors of the Standard Oil Company. Miss Jennings urged the night watchman at her estate to observe more closely parties going down the side roads at night from the Boston Post Road, which the estate faces.

The first fire of the series occurred on a Saturday night about two months ago. It was discovered in one of the cottages on Fairfield beach, which backs up on Miss Jennings' estate. Oscar Carlson, superintendent of the estate, saw flames shooting from one of the cottages and sounded an alarm. Before the local fire fighters arrived five cottages were ablaze.

A barn on the estate of the late Samuel H. Wheeler, formerly head of the Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine Company, and owner of the Stratford Hotel here, was consumed in the second blaze, which occurred about a month ago. This barn abutted Miss Jennings' property and gave the local fire fighters and apparatus from Bridgeport a hard fight. The damage was estimated at \$5,000.

All Marked by Mystery.

The third fire occurred in the garage on the Jennings estate. It was the smallest blaze of the series and apparently began in a Simplex touring car that had been stored for the winter. The fourth and last fire was discovered last Wednesday morning in the estate barn, almost abutting the Jenkins Colonial mansion on "Sunset" road, which is one of the sights of the countryside.

This fire is the most mysterious of the four. Five minutes before the blaze was discovered Mr. Carlson, the superintendent, was in the barn with George Jennings, a dairyman, and Dr. C. E. Atkins, a veterinarian, of Bridgeport. One of Miss Jennings' ten cows had become sick and Dr. Atkins was called to attend the animal. The trio hardly had reached the gateway at the Boston Post road entrance when the whole barn burst into flames. A three days' old calf was burned in the fire.

While some uneasiness was experienced by residents of the colony after the first three fires, the fourth aroused genuine alarm. The fact that the cause of the fires has not been learned is considered significant and it also is pointed out that the four buildings burned were but a stone's throw from each other. Why any one should want to destroy Miss Jennings' property could not be explained. She never has received threatening letters and is held in the highest esteem by the townsmen.

Across from the Jennings mansion are fine homes in which live A. L. Riker, formerly head of the Riker Motor Truck Company; the Rev. Dr. Charles E. Silcox, pastor of the Fairfield Congregational Church; Mrs. William Glover, William B. Lasser and several other persons prominent socially. At Beach street and Boston Post road stands the Town Hall, a building of Colonial design, and just to the south stands St. Paul's Church, of which the Rev. Dr. Allen E. Beeman is pastor. Outside the Town Hall there is a sign which boasts that the town of Fairfield was founded in 1639.

State Detective Frank Virelli visited the Jennings estate Saturday night and examined the burned buildings. When the detective left he said that he would return again to-morrow to continue his investigation.

Miss Jennings has been living in Fairfield during the summer months for the last twenty years. Her town home is at 48 Park avenue, New York city. The estate of Oliver Gould Jennings, brother of Miss Jennings, is also in Fairfield, just north of his sister's home. Walter Jennings, another brother, and Mrs. Walter B. Jones, a sister, live in Cold Spring Harbor, L. I. A third sister, Mrs. Hugh D. Auchincloss, is a resident of New York city.

KICKS WIFE'S SHINS; GETS LOCKED IN TRUNK

Baltimore Man Nearly Suffocated; Is Arrested.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. BALTIMORE, May 1.—After being rescued from a trunk into which he had been thrown and locked by his wife, Ludwig Levandowski was arrested to-day by a magistrate and charged with a warning. During a little domestic argument with his wife Levandowski repeatedly kicked his wife on the shins. The kicks were only "playful," according to Levandowski, but they aroused Mrs. Levandowski's resistance and she tumbled him into an open trunk and then strategically closed the lid and locked it, throwing the key away and calling for the police.

Levandowski was nearly smothered and on the verge of unconsciousness when the police rescued him.

BIG REVIEW IN PHILADELPHIA.

PHILADELPHIA, May 1.—A parade in which several thousand Veterans of Foreign Wars participated was reviewed to-day by Major-Gen. C. P. Sumner, commander of the First Regular Army Division at Camp Dix, and his staff. Thirty-two posts of the Veterans of Foreign Wars were represented in the parade and included in the ranks of the marchers were detachments of troops from every Regular Army division in the American Expeditionary Force.

OATHS ON FAIR LIPS SHOCK PASTOR ON SHOPPING TOUR

Swearing by Women in Subways Also Causes the Rev. Mr. Reisner to Brand Habit as in Cigarette and Vulgar Dress Classes and Urge Reform.

The Rev. Christian F. Reisner, pastor of the Chelsea Methodist Episcopal Church, in his morning address to his congregation yesterday made it plain that something ought to be done to make women stop swearing. He said that the conversation of women in the subways and at home was marked by series of high explosive exclamations and that there was danger that the males of the species are about to be outdone in this respect. He softened the reproach slightly by saying that this city is no worse than any other section of the United States, but he added that Americans are noted for their profanity.

In order to make himself perfectly understood, the Rev. Mr. Reisner said that the most common expletives of women, and which he had heard among

ACTOR HALTS PANIC AT FIRE IN THEATRE

Blaze in Box at Union Square Put Out While Orchestra Plays Lively Music.

The crowd at the Sunday night concert in the Union Square Theatre, Fourteenth street, near Fourth avenue, jumped to its feet and started to run for the exits last night when fire was discovered in a box on the right hand side of the house. Several women screamed when James Page, a vaudeville performer, who was singing at the time, ran into the wings and appeared with a fire extinguisher.

"Sit down!" he shouted. "There's no danger! I'll put out the fire." The shouts attracted the attention of the crowd and the rush toward the exits was halted. The orchestra, under the leadership of Charles Adams, struck up a lively tune, and instead of continuing the plunge to the exits the crowd stood in the aisles and in front of the seats listening to the music and watching Page. The actor jumped into the box, and with the fire extinguisher and several others that were used by other performers, he had the fire almost out when the firemen arrived.

During the first few moments of the rush persons in the rear of the house gained the street, but they tried to get back again when they learned there was no danger. Others trying to get out met them, and the crush in the vestibule and before the ticket window was greater than inside the theatre. Several women whose hats were knocked away began to scream, and two of them got into a fight in which considerable hair was pulled but very little damage done.

When firemen arrived the crowd had become calm, although it had not yet resumed its seats. While Page and others used fire extinguishers to contain the flames several performers came on the stage and sang songs. The Fire Department ordered everybody out of the theatre, and the crowd marched out in orderly fashion. The firemen then tore down a portion of the first balcony to trace the origin of the flames, discovering that it started from crossed electric light wires.

The theatre will be repaired so that the usual Monday afternoon performance will be given. The property is one of a chain of burlesque houses owned by B. F. Kahn.

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The Stewart Building, 380 Broadway, is becoming more and more a legal centre. This is due in part to its proximity to the courts, the Supreme Court Judges' chambers next door, and its general accessibility and convenience of situation.

Among the law firms lately renting offices there is Watson, Harrington & Sheppard, composed of former Corporation Counsel Archibald R. Watson, John M. Harrington of the New York bar, Walter C. Sheppard, formerly an Assistant Corporation Counsel and a brother of United States Senator Sheppard of Texas, and Ralph O. Willoughby, a member of the New York and New Jersey bars. Mr. Watson previously was of the firm of Barber, Watson & Gibbons, 165 Broadway, now Barber & Gibbons, at the same address, consisting of William A. Barber, Stuart C. Gibbons, Joseph Diehl Fackenthal, H. Starr Giddings and Albert A. Springs.

In addition to the New York offices in the Stewart Building, Watson, Harrington & Sheppard will maintain a Washington branch for matters pending in the courts and Government departments there.

CHAUFFEUR AND WOMAN ARRESTED AS ROBBERS

Steamship Steward Complains of \$155 Loss.

Frederick Weitz, a chauffeur of 4601 Broadway, and Miss Frances Wilson of 1305 Amsterdam avenue, were arrested yesterday afternoon after a chase in upper Broadway and locked up in the West 177th street station charged with robbery, on complaint of Michael Minervina, a steward on an Italian steamship. Weitz was charged also with carrying concealed weapons, the police declaring that they found a dirk six inches long in his cab.

Minervina told the police that he got into Weitz's taxicab at the 125th street station of the Third avenue elevated and told the chauffeur to drive him to 1014 Virginia avenue, where his cousin lives. The woman was in the cab at the time, Minervina said, but Weitz told him she was his wife and was just riding around with him. The steward had a wallet containing \$155 in his hip pocket, but he says that when he got out of the cab at Broadway and 228th street, which Weitz told him was his destination, the money was missing. He informed the police that when he protested Weitz threatened him with the dirk.

Weitz and the woman drove away, and Minervina found two policemen and told them what had happened. The policemen got a touring car and overhauled the taxicab at Nagle avenue. The money was not found.

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Two Armed Men Seized in Flat Accused of Holding Up Bankers.

BOY REVEALED PLACE

Detectives Nailed Youngster Who Left the West With Pair.

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A voice answered, "Superintendent of the building. Can I see you a minute?" Bernstein opened the door and found himself confronted by Detectives Trojan, Donnelly, Fitzpatrick and Love of the West 109th street station. Two revolvers covered him.

"All right," he said. "I never thought you'd find us." Then he called back to Joseph Kelly, who was breakfasting serenely on strawberries and cream: "It's all up, Joe. The bulls are here."

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The approximate whereabouts of the men was telegraphed by Chief Hughes of the Chicago police, who said that two other men, believed to have been partners in the holdup, were in custody in Chicago. The police here were informed that the boy Max had disappeared from his home in Chicago with his aunt, and his wife of one of the men wanted by the Chicago police. He was described as wearing a green fedora and plaid knickerbockers.

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Bernstein said they had been living at the apartment for a week, coming directly to New York from Chicago. Neighbors thought there was nothing out of the way about the new tenants, and the police believe the boy was brought on simply as a blind.

A search of the apartment revealed about \$2,500 in cash. Also two keys were found which the men said, according to the detectives, were for safely deposit vaults which Bernstein said contained about \$3,500 more.

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	Demand.	High.	Low.	Last.
February 28.....	\$2.87 1/2	\$2.87 1/2	\$2.86 1/2	\$2.87 1/2
March 1.....	2.87 1/2	2.87 1/2	2.86 1/2	2.87 1/2
March 2.....	2.87 1/2	2.87 1/2	2.86 1/2	2.87 1/2
March 3.....	2.87 1/2	2.87 1/2	2.86 1/2	2.87 1/2
March 4.....	2.87 1/2	2.87 1/2	2.86 1/2	2.87 1/2
March 5.....	2.87 1/2	2.87 1/2	2.86 1/2	2.87 1/2
PARIS.				
	Demand.	High.	Low.	Last.
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With drawn guns the bandits ordered the bankers out of their own machine and into the other. Then they drove for South Chicago at top speed. On the way the holdup men opened the satchel and counted the money carefully. Then they went systematically through the bankers' pockets. When a quiet street was reached, the door of the limousine was opened and one of the gang said:

"Hop out, you birds. We're through with you. Beat it!"

Amberg and Stone immediately rushed to a nearby bank and sent in an alarm for the police. Three minutes later two of the new emergency police patrols, cars filled with detectives armed with shotguns, rushed up the street where the bankers had been left. But the bandits were well on their way.

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